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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

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ARRIVALS.

April 20, Eider, German steamer, 1,097.

Johnstone, Shanghai, 17th April, Blue

Wheeler & Co.

April 20, FORTUNER, British steamer, 700,

Macao, Singapore, 11th April, General

Ormsby.

April 20, FU-KEW, Chinese steamer, 900,

A Great Wall, 16th April, General

C. M. S. N. Co.

April 20, GRANADA, British steamer, 1,720,

J. G. Bowes, Bombay, 3rd April, Calle

7th Penang, 12th and Singapore, 15th

May, and General, 1st & 8th S. N. Co.

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Singapore, 16th April, Blue Star Shing

April 20, AMYOT, British str., 814, Druce

Shanghai, 16th April, General, Sime

son & Co.

April 20, MUNIZA, British str., 1,065, R.

Richardson, London, 18th February, and

Singapore, 12th April, General

April 21, GAZELLE, British gunboat, Com-

mander Charles Wilson, Pekuo, 16th

April 21, GALLANT, British str., 1,371,

W. A. Gulland, Shimonekai, 6th April,

and Nagasaki, 16th, Rice, Jardine

Macpherson & Co.

April 21, NUNA, British str., 2,700 Barlow,

Saigon, 17th April, General, P. & O.

S. N. Co.

April 21, BOVIE, British str., 842, Miller

Sydney, 23rd March, Cowick, 2nd

April, and Singapore, 15th, Malls, and

General, Giese Livingstone, 1st April,

April 21, GLASGOW, Castle, British str., 1,582,

J. G. Bowes, Shanghai, 19th April, Rice

Axelson, Bell & Co.

April 21, EMANUEL, British str.,

963, G. T. Hopkins, Bangkok, 14th

April, General, P. & O.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE

APRIL 18TH.

St. Ideu, French bark for Bangkok

Quinta, German steamer, for Saigon.

Michelle Schon, Danish bark, for Bangkok

Fugit-a-Balou, German bark, for Saigon

Douglas, British steamer, for East Coast.

Yantze, British steamer, for Shanghai.

Ferntower, British steamer, for Amoy.

Envoy, Spanish steamer, for Amoy.

Empire, American ship, for Manila.

Allons, German steamer, for Saigon.

Quickstep, Air. bk. for Vancouver's Island.

DEPARTURES.

April 20, STATE OF ALABAMA, British str.,

for Saigon.

April 20, FU-YU-WU, Chinese str., for Canton.

April 20, CHIN-JU, Chinese gunboat, for a

crusade.

April 20, ONWARD, British schooner, for

Tenten.

April 20, KASHIWA, British str., for Singa-

pore, Bombay, &c.

April 20, NORMA, British str., for Swatow.

April 20, AMYOT, British str., for Canton.

April 21, YANGTZE, British steamer, for

Shanghai.

April 21, St. IDEU, Fr. bk. for Bangkok.

April 21, QUINCENTER, American bark, for

Vancouver's Island.

April 21, DOUGLAS, British steamer, for East

Coast.

April 21, PACIFIC, German steamer, for Yap

(Caroline Islands).

April 21, FEINTOWER, British steamer, for

Amoy.

April 21, EMU, Spanish str., for Amoy.

April 21, PAUGA-A-BALAUON, German bark,

for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Gwaw, Mr. from Bombay, &c. —

FOR HONGKONG.

From Southampton — Messrs. D. Park, J.

Cawthron, and Major H. S. Palmer

From Victoria — Mr. C. S. Smith. From Brin-

dish — Mr. R. Haworth, George Oliver,

and W. S. Hunter. From Fowey — 11 Chinese

for Amoy.

Per H. M. S. Grouse, from Pakhoi —

Mr. Bullock (late H. M. S. Consul at Pakhoi)

Per Madras, str. from London, &c.

Messrs. Banks, Burges, and Spilman from

London, and 30 Chinese from Singapore.

Per Amoy, str., from Shanghai —

For Ferntower, str., from Singapore —

— 22 Chinese — 22 Chinese, and 11 Chinese

for Amoy —

Per Envoy, str., for Amoy —

— 102 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British gunboat Groucer reports left

Pakhoi on 18th April, and had calm and light

S.E. winds throughout.

The British steamer Gloucester reports left

Shimonekai on 8th April, and had calm and light

E.W. winds throughout.

The British steamer Hesperus reports left

Cadiff on 7th March, Port Said on the 21st,

and Singapore on 16th April, and had fine

winds to Singapore; from thence to port light

Easterly winds.

The British steamer Aragon reports left

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NOTICE

THE Undersigned, having become LESSEE of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" and the Business connected therewith, will conduct the same on his own account from this date.

CHARTEERTON WILCOX.
Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1878.

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON, AND CO.,
FARMING AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS,
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and Royal Highness the Duke of EDINBURGH,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
PERFUMERS,
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,
DROGISTS' SUPPLYMEN,
AND
AERATED WATER MAKERS,
SHIP'S MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

Notice.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm A. S. Watson and Co., or HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [17]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 22ND, 1878.

The report of the Harbour-Master for the year 1877, which will be found elsewhere, is longer than usual, and contains some interesting information on the trade of the Port. There has been a slight increase in the shipping over that of 1876, but it is more apparent than real, and while there is room for congratulation on the fact that the trade of the Colony has maintained its position, it should not be forgotten that, but for the development of the commerce with Cochinchina, Hollown, and Pukhui, a different tale might have been told. We have noted for some time with satisfaction this increase in trade with the southern ports, and trust that it will steadily continue. It seems from Captain Throssell's statement that the Chinese merchants at Pakhol are anxious for more regular steam communication, but the junkowners are opposed to it and refuse to carry cargo for those who ship by steamers. This attempt to establish a monopoly will not be successful, for so soon as it can be shown that it will pay to send steamers regularly this will be done.

The Harbour-Master intimates that His Excellency the Governor is anxious that, if possible, a record should be kept of the value of the imports and exports of the Colony. Of the desirability of obtaining such a result there can be no question, but with regard to its feasibility, that is another matter. Captain Throssell is evidently of opinion that it would be difficult if not quite impracticable to secure completely reliable returns. He says that from inquiries made, "there is great difficulty in keeping correct records. Vessels have to leave before there is time to deposit proper copies of the manifests, and after the vessels have left, firms from pressure of work frequently delay the sending in their copy-lists until much valuable time has been lost, and confusion must necessarily often creep into the records. To establish such an office here would require an addition to the staff and increased accommodation in the building." The recommendation of the Harbour-Master for the Government to seek information on the subject from the unofficial Members of the Legislative Council or from the Chamber of Commerce will probably be acted upon. It is of great importance that correct statistics of the trade of Hongkong should be obtained, if it can be done without any serious addition to the expenditure of the Colony.

We shall continue consideration of the Harbour-Master's report in another issue.

The case of CHUONG ACHEUNG, the man who was discharged by proclamation at the Criminal Sessions on Thursday, raises a question of great importance. Is squeezing lawful or not? It appears that it is not an indictable offence. CHUONG ACHEUNG was the Chinese foreman boiler maker at the Kowloon establishment of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. Part of his duty was to engage the workmen required by the Company, or at all events to introduce them to the European boilermaker, and in consideration of his finding work for the men he selected them—such was the case attempted to be proved against him by the prosecutor—of sums varying from ten to twenty cents a day. That the Dock Company must necessarily have been the loser by such an arrangement is too obvious to require proof, but as they had paid the men at the current rate of wages for work done, and as the men returned to the defendant themselves what he demanded and did not have it deducted from their wages in the first instance, the Attorney-General said he failed to see where the false pretence lay. CHUONG ACHEUNG, probably, did no more than what is done by nearly all men holding similar positions; he simply worked always assuming for the sake of argument the case for the prosecution to have been correct—in accordance with a system which has been established since the earliest days of the intercourse between foreign and Chinese. The Dock Company deserve credit for attempting to strike a blow at this system, and it is to be regretted that the state of the law is such that the Supreme Court was compelled to give its sanction to a moral, if not a legal, wrong.

"Squeezing is rampant in Hongkong. If our boys engage coolies for us, we make the wages pay for the good office of securing them employment; men who have to engage large numbers of workmen squeeze habitually; but cases have been known in which Europeans, some of whom holding official positions, have not declined to accept the sum honoured bribe. So far as Europeans are concerned, commercial morality

has improved since the early days of the Colony, and squeezing by them, it is to be hoped, is now altogether a thing of the past, and we would be glad if it could be said with certainty that it is. It still flourishes, however, amongst the Chinese. That it is desirable to put an end to it no one will deny, but how this is to be done is a question of difficulty. Whether the case could not be met by legislation or not it is hard to say, but at present we are absolutely without a remedy against the fraud. Practically it would be impossible to proceed against the most notorious squeezer in a civil court, and the only protection the public have at present is in their own watchfulness and care.

The Commercial Intelligence of this day will be found on the fourth page.

The German gunboat *Altrose* went over to the German gunboat *Unicorn* on Saturday.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at a quarter to one on Saturday afternoon.

We remind our readers that the Band and Pipes of the 7th Highlanders will play in the Public Gardens this evening.

Amongst the passengers on the Chinese steamer *Fox*, Captain Cross, was His Excellency Sir William Nathan Howard, V.C., C.B., who commanded the *Harrow* on the China station, and subsequently acted as flag-captain on the Ocean.

The English Press generally express the

following items taken from the London and China Express of the 15th ult.

The gunboats *Vulture* and *Shark*, sent to the China Station, have been detached in order to strengthen the fleet in the Amakiri.

Men of the 80th (Staffordshire Volunteers) Regiment, who some weeks ago were reported as dead, turned out to be still alive, and his name has been re-entered in the Army List.

A correspondent from Yokohama writes to say that calling attention to the enormous fees he had to pay Mr. H. Mason Perkins, a doctor, for stopping his wife's tooth, the charge was £32.

Captain Sir William Nathan Howard, V.C., C.B., who commanded the *Harrow* on the China station, and subsequently acted as flag-captain on the Ocean, will be promoted to flag-rank during the current month.

Lieut.-Commander (10th North Lincoln) regiment, has been promoted to his company. As a most popular officer, foremost in all manly and athletic exercise whilst quartered at Yokohama, this step will give universal pleasure.

Major General Ross will take command of the British Expeditionary force at Malta.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE DAILY PRESS.

BY SOUTHERN ROUTE.

LONDON, 18th April.

THE SITUATION IN EUROPE.

It is semi-officially stated at St. Petersburg that negotiations are proceeding favourably between England, Germany, and Russia.

The Romanian Army is marching towards the Carpathians to meet the Russian Troops.

A Royal Proclamation has been published which prohibits the export of torpedoes.

The English Press generally express the

opinion that the Chinese Government is

not to be blamed for the recent

blockade of the *Yan-ki-ti*.

There is a report that the Chinese Government has issued an order forbidding the importation of opium into the Colony.

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rather serious. Her malmatto fell, her plate were crushed, and she sustained other injuries. The Andes had two plates of her hull knocked in and some of her ports carried away. The damage sustained by the Tahiti did not prevent her proceeding to her destination.

March 20th.

Six thousand persons were present at the repose of the soul of Pope Pius IX. at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

March 20th.

The Legation Committee has appointed a board of inquiry to examine the cause of the fire.

March 21st.

The combined Elbow boat, the Vietnamese Eighteen by 54 guns.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, March 22nd.

The telephone is now permanently in use on the black wires between two stations on the Northern Railway for signalling trains and other purposes.

March 24th.

Several miles of the overland railway line have been destroyed by the floods in South Australia.

TASMANIA.

HOBART TOWN, March 26th.

A advice from the Admiralty, receive that Mount Bonython will be another Mount Bonython in echo of him. The washout is about 100 feet in depth, and surveys are being freely made. The discoverers are causing great excitement, but the approaching winter season will prevent further operations.

NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, March 24th.

The proposed expedition to New Guinea starts to-day.

March 22nd.

News from Kororango states that there has been a dreadful massacre at Penrhyn, which resulted in a loss of 300 lives. The island of Aora was completely swept. Houses, trees, and inhabitants are all gone. Several vessels have been lost.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

March 23rd.

The P. & O. Company's mail steamer Gwadar, Captain J. C. Babot, from Bombay 2nd, Galle 7th, Penang 12th, and Singapore the 14th instant, arrived here on Saturday morning. The following telegrams are from the Streets Times Extra:

CONSTANTINOPLE, 31st March.

The general evacuation of the Quadrilateral fortresses by the Turks has been deferred.

SAIGON, 31st March.

General Ignatieff has returned from Vienna. It is semi-officially stated that Count Ignatieff has been specially sent by Austria-Hungary to Paris, and destined to him that Austria rejects the treaty of peace as clashing with European and Anglo-Hungarian interests. General Ignatieff received a referendum of the statements made by Count Andrassy.

CONSTANCE, 1st April.

General Amédée has been appointed chief of the Turkish staff. Genl. Gouraud, of the Staff of Constantinople, Serbia is remodelling his forces.

LONDON, 2nd April.

The Grand Duke Nicholas is making overtures for an alliance with Turkey.

THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION pays 5 per cent. for the half-year, and has taken from Reserve to meet losses 217,500. Consols, £1 per £100, 5½. Rentes 7½.

GENOVA, 3rd April.

Genoese 9½. French 10½. Box Silver 5½. Four per cent., 8½. Four and half per cent., 8½. Five and half per cent., 9½. Exchange on India 1½. 81½. BIRKIN, 3rd April.

The Emperor William is very unwell.

ADEN, 3rd April.

The Thibet, by the master of March 22nd, for Bombay, at anchor at Aden.

LONDON, 4th April.

The Earl of Leitrim with his clerk and coachman has been shot at by an assassin in London and killed. The assassin has escaped.

THE SULTAN has conferred the Order of the Madjidia on Sir Salar Jung.

The London papers state that Lord George Hamilton will be Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education, and that the British Ambassador becomes a Parliamentary Under-Secretary for India.

LONDON, 5th April.

In the House of Commons last night, the Chancellor of the Exchequer brought in his Budget for the past year. The actual revenue is set down at £79,763,298, which is excess of the estimate by £6,177,500, and the actual surplus is £26,903,000. The deficit is £1,200,000, which will be met by a loan of £2,500,000, and the estimated revenue at £79,460,000. The deficit is estimated at £1,560,000, which with Exchequer Bonds and extraordinary expenditure adds up to £35,000,000. The Budget provides £1,000,000 for the payment of the Barracuda fee. He noticed that he would be held in custody until the fine was paid.

MARCH 20TH.

His Excellency the Governor had a great welcome at Maryborough. 1,500 children, mostly nationalities, Triangular arches were erected, and 5,000 persons turned out. The Governor in the afternoon laid the foundation stone of the new Anglican Church.

The Government has decided that an increased subsidy shall be granted to the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company, conditionally on an increased rate of speed. The company are having two new steamers built.

TOWNSVILLE, March 22nd.

By the mail steamer Somerset, news has been received that New Guinea natives, from Kastor River, have murdered some native missionary teachers, and that all the rest of the teachers had retreated to Maribar. The Police magistrate at Thursday Island advised the interference of the Government by sending a man-of-war to the scene of the massacre.

BUNDABERG, March 27th.

His Excellency the Governor, the Premier, and Captains Heath and O'Callaghan, landed here from Maryborough yesterday morning. The Reception Committee, having presented the Governor with an address, a procession was formed numbering, including the school children, about 100, to the east bridge, where his Excellency formally addressed the people of the Athelney Bridge. A levee subsequently took place. The Governor left Rockhampton in the afternoon at 5 o'clock, over one thousand persons being present to witness his departure.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY, March 20th.

A New Guinea expedition leaves here to-morrow for the Chinaman's Colony. The vessel will sail at Cockatoo, and will now board thirty-three passengers. She will take twenty passengers from Cockatoo, and six months return.

A deputation asked the Government for a further sum of £5,000 to assist in prospecting for gold in the Colony.

JESUS ISLAND, March 15th.

The steamship China Star ran aground this morning. The Master and crew, for the passengers were all immediately landed safely, and the vessel succeeded in getting off, and now lying in Jesus Bay in perfect safety, with her fore compartment full of water.

MARCH 15TH, 1 A.M.

The passengers of the Chinaman are all on board again, and are waiting for the arrival of the steamer Collard to take them to Sydney.

SYDNEY, March 22nd.

The Flying Handicaps were won by the Race, Baldwyn second, and Gurnett third.

MARCH 27TH.

The Chinaman is now being cleared of water by a centrifugal pump, and is expected, after temporary repairs, to arrive in Sydney this week.

The Colonies sailed for New Guinea yesterday. The weather is very bad, and they have had some difficulty in getting off.

The East Indies, in reference to the New Guinea expedition.—The passengers have provided themselves with provisions and outfit, paying £10 each for their passage money. There seems to be no organization about the party. They have associated themselves in small numbers, five or ten getting together, and they have laid in provisions to last them out. At the last the steamer Penzance flying blue Peter, bound for Hong Kong, and the steamer Penzance, bound for Macao, passed a steamer, bound South, supposed to be Siamson & Co's.

The British steamer Venus reports left Sydney on 23rd March at 12.15 p.m. On the 26th at 4 p.m. anchored in Moreton Bay. On the 27th at 1.30 p.m. having received English mails, cargo and passengers, weighed anchor and proceeded. On the 28th at 8.10 a.m. anchored at 30° 11' S. 151° 45' E. On the 29th at 11.45 a.m. left again, and at 1.30 p.m. arrived at Cleveland Bay, and proceeded again at 1.30 p.m. on 1st April at 10.30 a.m. got anchor and proceeded. On the 2nd at noon having received 160 Chinese for Hong Kong, also 100 boxes cargo, etc., proceeded on the 3rd at 2.45 a.m. stopped and let go anchor of the Howa to proceed to the port of Hong Kong. On the 4th at 1.30 p.m. weighed anchor and proceeded at full speed, at 8 p.m. anchored off the Hannibal Islands, dark, thick weather; on the 5th at 4.20 a.m. weighed anchor and proceeded; at 1.30 p.m. anchored off Thursday Island; on the 6th at 4.15 a.m. weighed anchor and proceeded towards Singapore; on the 16th at 10.30 a.m. arrived at Tanjong Pagar. What Singapore is to the port of Hong Kong, so is Tanjong Pagar to the port of Macao. The steamer Venus, which will sail on the 17th, will with great care, may be extended for two days.

MARCH 27TH, 11.30 P.M.

The floods reached their highest at high tide last night, and then began to recede, and are now down considerably. Two mines were submerged

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLIED TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, VIA SUZ CANAL	Glorious	Barnby	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	On or about 23rd inst.
LONDON	Elcano	Froome Clark	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
PORTLAND (OREGON)	Wildwood	Dwight	Hongkong	Eusebi & Co.	Quick despatch.
VICTORIA (VANCOUVER'S IS.)	Unickator	W. G. Webb	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
N. YORK	Wega	Johnstone	Hongkong	O. & S. S. Co.	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO, CHINA	Domenico (s.s.)	Barrett	Hongkong	O. & S. S. Co.	On 24th p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO	P. J. Carleton	Titan	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
HONOLULU	Amesbury	Berry	Hongkong	Walter & Co.	Quick despatch.
MANILA	Conchita	Pereira	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	Quick despatch.
ICELAND	Teodora	W. G. Webb	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	Quick despatch.
CHINA	Alphonse (s.s.)	Cohen	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	Quick despatch.
SAN FRANCISCO	Metalefa	Peacock	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	To-morrow, at noon
SWITZERLAND	Champlain	Champlain	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	On 24th inst. at noon
MANILA	Champlain	Champlain	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	On 27th inst. at noon
ICELAND	Champlain	Champlain	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	On 28th inst.
SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, &c.	Quarts (s.s.)	Quarts (s.s.)	Hongkong	Soe Shing	To-day.
SAIGON	Alazona (s.s.)	Smith	Hongkong	Kwong Wing Shan	On 2d p.m.
SAIGON	Bellona (s.s.)	de Groot	Hongkong	F. & C. S. N. Co.	On 2d inst. at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA	Tigre (s.s.)	de Groot	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	Quick despatch.
SENGHAI	Galaxy (s.s.)	Jedrion	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	Galaxy (s.s.)	R. & O. S. N. Co.	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	On or about 27th inst.
SHANGHAI	Galaxy (s.s.)	Galaxy (s.s.)	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	To-morrow, at noon
SWATOW, AMOI & TAIWAN	Goods	Goods	Hongkong	Remond & Co.	To-morrow, at noon

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

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YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U.S. Mail Steamer "CHINA" will
be despatched for San Francisco, via Yo-
kohama, on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, at
3 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and America.

There will be a delay of 24 hours for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Ports
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities
of the United States, via San Francisco.

Passenger Packages should be marked to ad-
dress in full; value of same is required.

Consignee: Invoiced to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office
in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and
Fright, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 3, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., AGENTS.

HONGKONG, 17th April, 1878.

NOTICE

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON.

MONSIEUR ALTONA.

will be despatched for the above Port TO-
DAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SOE SHING, Bonham Strand

Hongkong, 17th April, 1878. [654]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"GLAUCUS"

will be despatched on or about the 20th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents

Hongkong, 18th April, 1878. [653]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SHANGHAI.

Taking Cargo and Passengers through rates
for HANKOW, NIJIRO, and PORTO in JAPAN.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, at demand..... \$100 nom.
Bank Bills, at 90 days' sight, 3½% nom.
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 3½% nom.
Credits, at 6 months' sight..... 3½% nom.
Documentary Bills, at months..... 3½% nom.
On HONGKONG, Bank, sight..... \$200, 1.25%
On CALCUTTA.—Bank, sight..... \$114 nom.
On SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight..... \$114 nom.
Private, 30 days' sight..... 72½

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—59 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,825 per share.
China Trustee's Insurance Company's Shares—\$15 per share.
Yangtze River Insurance Association—The \$200 per share.
Hongkong, 27th September, 1878. [28]
CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY—\$200 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$36 per share.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$172 per share.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$8 per cent. premium.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$9 per share discount.
Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—The \$1 per share.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Hongkong, 15th October, 1868. [25]

INSURANCES.

TRANSALPINE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at Current Rates, subject to a Bonus of 20 per cent.

SIMSENSEN & CO.

Hangkong, 18th November, 1878. [26]

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agent for the above Company for the above-named Company is prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE, PLUNDER, and other Goods to the amount of \$100,000 at the current rates subject to an immediate discount of 50%.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for LIFE INSURANCE in China.

J. Y. V. SHAW.

Hongkong, 27th September, 1878. [28]

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

T. G. LINSTEAD.

Agent Sun Fire Office, Hongkong, 4th October, 1878. [28]

THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, call SPECIAL ATTENTION of SHIPPERS to the low rates of Premium charged for all steamer risks, besides which a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE and ONE-THIRD PER CENT. (33⅓%) will be allowed on risks to ports in China, Japan, the Philippines, and the Straits. On risks to all other ports the Brokerage will be FIFTEEN PER CENT. (15%) only.

SIMSENSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1878. [28]

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & CO.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1878. [28]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACT OF PARLIAMENT.

ESTABLISHED 1869.

CAPITAL—\$2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.

At the usual rates, subject to a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%).

GILMAN & CO.

Agents.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Meteor. Falconer & Co's Register.)

April 20th.

BAROMETER—10.29.

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